

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a weight bearing tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and

means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said weight bearing tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support is closed, said curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section contacts the piece of tubing substantially around its entire periphery.

21. (Previously Presented) the tubing device according to claim 20, wherein each of said first portion and said second portion of said tubing device comprises a channel.

22. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 21, wherein said channel in said first portion and said channel in said second portion are configured to align with each other to hold a piece of tubing between them.

23. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 22, wherein said channel in said first portion and said channel in said second portion are configured to form a cylindrical channel when aligned.

24. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 23, wherein said channel in said first portion and said channel in said second portion each has a semi-circular cross section.

25-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a support member having at least one substantially planar surface,
a channel formed in the at least one substantially planar surface and lying in substantially a single plane and a means for holding a piece of tubing in the support member, the means comprising[[,]] the channel having at least a semi-circular cross-section, with adhesive being used if the cross-section is of a substantially semi-circular cross-section

wherein said curvilinear channel is a first curvilinear channel, and said support member comprises a second curvilinear channel, said second curvilinear channel being disposed adjacent to said first curvilinear channel and within said support member and

wherein said second curvilinear channel has a diameter less than the cross section of said first curvilinear channel.

28. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 27, comprising first and second pieces of flexible tubing, said first piece of flexible tubing being disposed in said first curvilinear channel, and said second piece of curvilinear tubing being disposed in said second curvilinear channel.

29. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 27, wherein the outer periphery of said first channel overlaps the outer periphery of said second channel.

30. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 27, wherein said support device comprises a barrier between said first and second channels, said barrier comprising a slot to allow communication between said first and second channels.

31-35 (Cancelled).

36. (Currently Amended) The tubing device according to claim 24 25, further comprising a piece of flexible tubing disposed in said channel.

37-58. (Cancelled)

59. (New) A weight bearing tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support is closed, said curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.

60. (New) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of other than a U-shape and of a substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support is closed, said curvilinear channel of other than a U-shape and of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.

61. (New) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:

a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of horseshoe shape and of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and

means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,

wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support of horseshoe shape is closed, said curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.

62. (New) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:

a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel at least partially of an S-shape and of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and

means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,

wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support of horseshoe shape is closed, said curvilinear channel of at least partially of an S-shape and of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.